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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER DISCUSSES HIS PROSPECTS FOR THE UNGA
PRESIDENCY

REF: USUN 635

1. ON MARCH 20, PRIME MINISTER THORN TOLD ME THAT HE HAS NO IDEA WHEN THE WEO GROUP WILL MEET AGAIN IN NEW YORK TO DISCUSS THE NOMINATION OF A CANDIDATE FOR THE UNGA PRESIDENCY. ALL CANDIDATES MENTIONED IN REFTEL ARE STAYING IN THE RACE, ALTHOUGH BRITISH PRIME MINISTER WILSON PROMISED THORN IN DUBLIN LAST WEEK TO TRY TO QUIETLY URGE WILLESEE TO WITHDRAW. THORN CONSIDERS THE TURKISH CANDIDACY MARGINAL, BUT COMMENTED THAT THE SPANIARDS ARE GIVING HIM THE MOST CAUSE FOR CONCERN. AT THE URGING OF THE SPANISH PERMREP IN NY, MADRID IS NOW SUGGESTING THAT IF IT CANNOT UNANIMOUSLY AGREE ON A CANDIDATE, THE WEO GROUP SHOULD CONSULT WITH THE OTHER REGIONAL GROUPS IN ORDER TO TRY TO PICK A COMPROMISE CHOICE. IMPLICIT IN THE SPANISH PROPOSAL, ACCORDING TO THORN, IS THE THOUGHT THAT THE COMPROMISE
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CANDIDATE MIGHT NOT EVEN COME FROM THE WEO GROUP. THORN

WAS EXTREMELY CRITICAL OF MADRID'S TACTICS WHICH HE INTERPRETED AS AN ATTEMPT TO CURRY LDC FAVOR IN THE UN IN ORDER TO INCREASE SUPPORT FOR SPANISH VIEWS ON THE SPANISH MOROCCO ISSUE.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THORN DID NOT REQUEST THAT USG INFLUENCE WITH WEO GROUP MEMBERS BE USED ON HIS BEHALF, IT WAS CLEAR THAT HE FEARS BOTH FOR HIS PERSONAL CHANCES AND THAT MADRID'S TACTICS MAY LEAD TO THE NEXT UNGA PRESIDENCY'S SLIPPING FROM WEO GROUP HANDS INTO LDC CONTROL.FARKAS

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